

preventing an ambulance from reaching them. He called relatives, who contacted the Red Cross on his behalf to ask for assistance, but the Red Cross had to wait for assurance from Israeli authorities that an ambulance would get through unscathed, assurance which was not forthcoming. He spoke with several members of the press, including the BBC, who even broadcast his plea for help. But an ambulance could not reach them until 22 hours after the incident, even though the hospital was located less than a mile away. By this time, Ibrahim had died in his father's arms. Israeli troops reportedly looked on and ignored Muhammed's pleas for help.

This case cries out for an immediate, thorough, credible and transparent investigation by the Israeli Government. Any individuals determined to have violated the laws of war should be prosecuted and appropriately punished. In addition, it is important that the U.S. Embassy determine whether any Israeli soldiers who were equipped by the U.S. violated U.S. laws or agreements governing the use of U.S. equipment, both in relation to this incident and others involving civilian casualties. This should include the use of white phosphorous in heavily populated areas, which is alleged to have caused serious injuries to civilians.

Mr. President, this is a heart-breaking story. My thoughts and prayers go out to Amer Shurab and his family and friends, and to the families of other civilians, Palestinian and Israeli, who died or suffered other grievous losses in this latest escalation of violence.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN E. "BETSY" FLYNN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to Carolyn E. "Betsy" Flynn of Benton, KY, for her recent appointment to the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council.

Mrs. Flynn currently serves as president and vice chairman of Community Financial Services Bank in Benton, KY, which manages around \$400 million in assets. This institution has served the Benton community for almost 120 years and Mrs. Flynn has contributed to its success since 1976. For 24 years, Betsy Flynn has also instructed at the Barret School of Banking in Memphis, TN. Her public service record is extensive as well. She has served on several economic development boards, the city council, the chamber of commerce, the tourist commission, and has recently been appointed to the Kentucky Investment Commission.

The Consumer Advisory Council serves a vital role in advising the Federal Reserve Board on guidelines under the Consumer Credit Protection Act and issues regarding consumer financial services. Mrs. Flynn's impressive

resume provides a solid foundation for her new role on the council. Her expertise in the banking and financial industry will serve her and the advisory council well.

I now ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Flynn for her remarkable achievement. Kentucky and the entire country should be proud to have such a distinguished individual serving them.●

#### HONORING GEORGE FOREMAN

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate and recognize a distinguished citizen of Kentucky, Mr. George Foreman of Danville, who was recently named Danville Art Citizen of the Year by the Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County.

This prestigious award is meant to identify an individual in the community who has made it possible for the arts to become an integral part in other people's lives. The Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County issued the first Art Citizen of the Year award in 2004.

As managing director of the Norton Center for the Arts and Associate Professor at Centre College, Mr. Foreman has accomplished impressive things, including forming and directing Danville's own Advocate Brass Band, receiving the 1996 Bruce Montgomery Leadership Award, and also founding the Great American Brass Band Festival. There is no doubt that Mr. Foreman's service has made his community a better place because of his dedication to the arts and the citizens of his town.

During his years of service, Mr. Foreman has played host to all the major U.S. military bands, who presented their concerts free to the public. He also partnered with Stage One, a children's theatre in Louisville, to bring the Norton Center a children's theatre. Mr. Foreman has made the arts a central focus in his life, and I look forward to his future projects.

Once again, I congratulate Mr. Foreman on this award. He is truly an inspiration to all of Kentucky, and I wish him luck on all of his future endeavors.●

#### HONORING EAST RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a small business in my home State of Maine that has risen to the top during its very short existence. East Restaurant & Lounge, located in Wells, was recently named one of the top Chinese restaurants in America—the first time a Maine restaurant has been recognized with such a distinction.

Opened in June 2008 by owner Ri Teng Li, East Restaurant & Lounge has quickly impressed its clients with delicious Chinese, Thai, and Japanese cuisine. Mr. Li previously owned and operated the popular Yum Mee Restaurant in Wells, and East Restaurant allows

him to keep long-loved classic dishes from the prior establishment while greatly expanding his menu. With more than 400 items, ranging from Peking duck to sushi to Pad Thai, as well as an expansive and impressive buffet on Sundays, East has something for everyone. The restaurant also has a spacious lounge, where guests can relax after work and enjoy a specialty cocktail. And East offers catering services for a variety of events.

Perhaps most notable about East Restaurant is the building. It is housed in a striking and eye-catching structure, with a stunning interior full of beautiful decor, from ornate chandeliers and staircases to gorgeous glass doors. There is also a gift shop on the restaurant's upper level, with unique and rare gifts that include charming jewelry.

Despite its youth, East Restaurant has rapidly accumulated regular customers and well-deserved accolades. Most recently, Chinese Restaurant News, a San Francisco-based monthly publication dedicated to the more than 45,695 Chinese restaurant owners and operators across America, named East Restaurant as one of the top 10 Chinese restaurants for overall excellence in the United States, a truly remarkable feat. Restaurants were evaluated for eight categories, including decor and atmosphere, food quality, and sanitation. And because of its astonishing appearance, East Restaurant was recognized as the No. 1 establishment in the best decor category. Mr. Li was recently presented with the awards at a ceremony in Las Vegas earlier this month.

Mr. Li is an entrepreneur who has consistently aimed to improve each of his new ventures. He came to the United States in the mid-1980s with minimal knowledge of English and knowing hardly anyone. He began working at the restaurant of a friend of his in New York City, and through hard work, determination, and perseverance, Mr. Li realized his dream and opened his own restaurant. After moving to Maine, he established several other restaurants and now operates one in the neighboring town of Kennebunk, as well as a gift shop in Portland.

A civic-minded restaurateur, Mr. Li has constantly found ways to give back to the community. An avid contributor to the local Rotary Club and the Wells & Ogunquit Senior Center, Mr. Li has also donated to scholarship funds at Wells High School, where his daughter attends.

Mr. Li's marvelous story is a reminder of the benefits and rewards of commitment and resolve. His dedication to providing quality food in an inviting and distinctive atmosphere is commendable, and the results have been astounding. Congratulations to Mr. Li and everyone at East Restaurant & Lounge on their well-deserved acknowledgement, and I wish them many more years of success to come.●

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

## ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 181. A bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

## ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 28, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 181. An act to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-553. A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to Section 304(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA), 2 U.S.C. 1384(b)(3), a report relative to the adoption of Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act regulations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

\*Dennis Cutler Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 337. A bill to prohibit the importation of ruminants and swine, and fresh and frozen meat and products of ruminants and swine, from Argentina until the Secretary of Agriculture certifies to Congress that every region of Argentina is free of foot and mouth disease without vaccination; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 338. A bill to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 339. A bill to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 340. A bill to enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the Troubled Asset Relief Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. 341. A bill to amend the Economic Adjustment Assistance grant program to improve assistance for areas affected by long-term economic deterioration and severe economic dislocation relating to the manufacturing industry sector, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to expand the national emergency grants program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 342. A bill to provide for the treatment of service as a member of the Alaska Territorial Guard during World War II as active service for purposes of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. Res. 24. A resolution commending China's Charter 08 movement and related efforts for upholding the universality of human rights and advancing democratic reforms in China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WICKER, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 25. A resolution expressing support for designation of January 28, 2009, as "National Data Privacy Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN,

Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BENNET of Colorado, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BAYH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. REED, and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th anniversary; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 96

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 102

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 102, a bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

S. 205

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 205, a bill to authorize additional resources to identify and eliminate illicit sources of firearms smuggled into Mexico for use by violent drug trafficking organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services and volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 306

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 306, a bill to promote biogas production, and for other purposes.

S. 313

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 313, a bill to resolve water rights claims of the White Mountain Apache Tribe in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to accept passport cards at airports of entry and for other purposes.

S. 324

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 324, a bill to provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.